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WORKING TOWARD CITY MANAGEMENT.

Attorney A. F. Judd's letter to Supervisor Hatch published some days ago develops an increasing volume of discussion upon city government.

In particular, his suggestions that Honolulu should have less elective offices, thus concentrating responsibility to the people, has struck a popular note—popular, that is, except with the professional office-seeking class and the petty partisan bosses.

Ultimately, it is easy to predict, Honolulu will adopt something like the city manager system. There is no question that public sentiment here is coming around to it. Perhaps it is not always called by this name, but the general principle is there. The head of a large Honolulu business, endorsing Mr. Judd's ideas in conversation with a representative of the Star-Bulletin, said that personally he would like to see a city engineer or some other official with broad executive powers put in charge of the practical work of city government with a salary anywhere up to \$20,000. Now this is the essence of the city manager system.

The strides of the system were pointed out editorially by the Minneapolis Tribune a few days ago. The Tribune thus commented:

"Out of the chaos of experiments in municipal government is growing the development of personal city management, divorced from politics and with single executive control, as a trained profession. The success of every new experiment, whether the commission form or centralized mayoralty control, depends upon the chance appearance of personal training and capacity to conduct it.

The most striking example runs back to the first trial of the city manager plan in Staunton, Virginia, under an unchanged old form charter. Staunton chose for manager a trained engineer of experience in civil and railroad work and building contracting in various parts of the country.

"His service for three years, limited as it was by the restrictions of an obsolete charter, attracted the attention of the whole country. When the amended constitution of Ohio gave practical home rule to cities in framing their governments, Springfield adopted a commission form, with complete executive power and a permanent city manager."

AGREEING WITH THE GOVERNOR.

From an Advertiser editorial this morning:

Surface ponds and reservoirs with mud bottoms are never wholly satisfactory sources of domestic water supply. No matter how carefully the watershed is protected from pollution, and irrespective of filtration and purification processes, the suspicion always holds that the water is not pure enough to drink.

The supervisors should make haste slowly in adopting any policy looking towards the extension of the present surface water storage system for Honolulu.

This is exactly what Governor Pinkham pointed out months ago, when he took a stand against rushing through the Hillebrand Glen project, which would pour more water into Nuuanu Dam. For his attitude he was bedeviled and bedeviled day after day in the very same editorial columns which now urge caution and deliberate investigation.

DISEASE SPREADS FROM IWILEI.

Now and again Iwilei intrudes itself uncomfortably upon a city which prefers not to see the shame and the crime and the danger of this district of commercial vice.

Most people do not like to read about Iwilei—it is too far from comfortable indifference to the fact that the city allows systematic law-breaking and maintains a deny of the vilest infamy.

We do newspapers like to print articles about it. It is not pleasant reading. But sometimes the duty of a newspaper requires it to print unpleasant facts. This is one of those times.

At the police station yesterday it was learned that a rigid medical inspection of Iwilei is being conducted, under the supervision of the chief of detectives, the city police surgeon, and, so the police reported, an army physician. The cause, they said, was that there have been a large number of complaints of loathsome disease contracted at Iwilei, and the health certificates possessed by the women of the red-light calling are no guarantee that their visitors are immune. The police suspect that the health certificates, supposedly issued by competent physicians, in a comparatively large number of cases have been issued to women not proper subjects for the certificates—in other words, suffering from disease. On Wednesday more than 100 certificates were taken up, and new examinations ordered.

To put it briefly, the much lauded "health inspection" system in the vice resort has broken down. It is worthless.

Fearless, well-informed and reputable physicians know that such systems of inspections are worthless. They know that a commercial vice district cannot be made safe for visitors. What has happened at Iwilei is no surprise to men willing to look facts in the face and cast aside worn-out theories and prejudices.

But it is unusual for authorities to recognize the worthlessness of the system as frankly as recognized in this instance.

Iwilei ought to be cleaned out. Its disgrace, its burning shame, its blasting, hideous infamy ought to be cleansed from Honolulu's escutcheon. It neither restricts nor regulates the vice that menaces thou-

sands of young women and women of this city, that has undermined the health and character of thousands older.

A few months ago an officer high in the Hawaiian Department, who had spent more than three years here, said to the editor of the Star-Bulletin:

"I used to believe in restricted districts, especially in cities and towns where there were a large number of soldiers. I do not believe in the restricted-district idea now. It is a mistake. I am frank to confess my own mistake and I firmly believe that the military organizations on Oahu would be better off with Iwilei wiped out of existence."

The shame of Iwilei is no new subject. But while Honolulu temporizes with it, puts it into the back-ground, shuns it as an unpleasant subject, Iwilei grows and grows and spreads its tentacles wider and wider. Its commercial exploitation becomes more and more firmly entrenched. It will soon begin to reach into politics and city administration.

And, fathers and mothers, do not be deceived by the silly assurance that a restricted district through medical inspection of its inmates prevents the spread of loathsome disease. That is a fallacy often and with bitter proof shown to be a mocking lie.

TOURIST ASSETS—GOOD ROADS AND GOLF.

A mainland expert on amateur sports and tourist attractions, William H. Evans of Philadelphia, recently said some things in an article written for the Philadelphia Ledger which deserve quotation in Hawaii. Here are two pertinent paragraphs:

The greatest asset of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont is the summer residents. Not only do they leave millions each year, but they pay heavy taxes, and the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont folk are beginning to realize that good roads and golf courses are doing more to popularize those states than any other thing.

It did not take the southern states very long to realize that golf was the big attraction for the men. It was easy enough to get the women there during the winter months, but unless there was golf it was a difficult matter to entice the men South. The South made the mistake of thinking that any old sort of a golf course would do. Pinehurst was the first to show the right way, and today there are a score or more courses in the Southland that will compare favorably with our northern courses.

Hawaii is shy of 100 per cent in both particulars. Honolulu needs a public golf course within car-line reach of residents in the city. As to the need of good roads, that is more generally recognized. Not so well understood is the fact that most tourists nowadays are golf enthusiasts and though the Country Club is hospitable, when the big tide of tourist traffic which is expected rolls up on Oahu's shores, the Country Club will be inadequate, and, furthermore, should not be expected to take care of all the visitors.

Retaliation against foreign interference with American trade is a two-edged tool, and a commercial warfare with the Entente Powers would be disastrous for us as for them, but America must assert her rights now or the Allies will be increasingly overbearing. This is no time to be "too proud to fight" for legitimate commerce and against the sort of oppression which once caused a few weak colonial communities to rise in revolution.

Pauahi street Democrats repudiate the "harmony program" which some committees or other announced last week. The Pauahi street group say that Governor Pinkham is still politically persona non grata. Thus it appears that the two factions are as wide apart as ever, but Pauahi street can point to consistency in its opposition.

Hawaii's get-married-quick and get-divorced-quick systems keep working at top speed. Some courageous member of the next legislature ought to introduce a bill making it prohibitive for either party to a divorce to remarry within at least six months from the date the divorce is granted.

It is extraordinary that the Cooper murder mystery on Maui has not been carried far toward solution. A crime with the remarkable features this possesses, in a small community, ought to be cleared away without great difficulty.

Some of the candidates for legislative office know as much about law-making and the needs of the territory as Doubtless, the park elephant, does about aviation. And doubtless they are the ones who will make the most noise on the stump.

Many a congressman, taking the first train homeward to build up his political fences, doubtless regrets that patriotism and a long program kept him in Washington while some rival was hustling votes in the old district.

District Magistrate John L. Kaulukou of North Kona, is a fine type of Hawaiian who has served four terms with dignity and honor and well deserves the reappointment which Governor Pinkham has given him.

Even after the conference committee's dentistry, the "retaliation bill" contains a good many teeth.

Have you booked yet for the Civic Convention trip, September 20-26?

Rumania will soon begin to wonder if it's going to pay.

TO INSIST THAT EMPLOYERS GIVE DUE PROTECTION

Accident Board Finds That Minor Injuries Increase and Seeks to Learn Causes

Accidents have become so frequent in the county of Honolulu that the industrial accident board has decided to make a thorough inspection in the near future of all factories and canneries on Oahu, as told Thursday in the Star-Bulletin.

Speaking relative to the contemplated inspection, A. J. Campbell, president of the board, says there have been 2290 accidents reported since the board started operations, July 1, 1916. Twenty of these were fatal.

Over 1500 accidents, or more than half the total number, have occurred this year, making an average of about the same for the last of 1915 and the first half of 1916.

Not only is the number of accidents exceptionally large in the eyes of the board, but the frequency of minor ones of the same character is surprising. It is to determine if employers are affording every possible precaution against accidents to their employees that the board wishes to make the inspection.

The compensation law made no provision for inspection and this must be done, like most work of the board, at the members' expense. The board believes that a competent inspector should have a permanent position on the board and be paid a salary which would warrant him spending all his time investigating accidents and inspecting factories and canneries.

"Although the many minor accidents are often no more than a sliced finger, or a punctured foot from stepping on a nail, they often become serious from blood poisoning or tetanus," says Campbell.

No date has been set for the inspection, but a time is being arranged when a quorum of the board may conveniently spend considerable time at the new task.

TIME IN THE NEWS

A. E. ARLEDGE, U. S. light-house inspector. Things are kind of monotonous around our office this month; nice weather any everything running smoothly.

E. G. DUSENBERG: The summer tourist travel this year has been excellent and prospects are good for winter business. Most of the summer tourists have gone back to the mainland by now.

A. M. HAMRICK, meteorologist, U. S. weather bureau: This long-distance mail communication with Washington gets tiresome. I haven't yet received answers to requests I made several months ago.

HAROLD YOST: For pure magnificence the crater of Haleakala surpasses anything that I have come across in scenery. I spent two days there recently and could easily have enjoyed it for a week without becoming tired of the place.

C. P. MORSE, general agent American-Hawaiian line: When will the American-Hawaiian resume the all-water route between the islands and New York via the Canal? I don't know. Arrangements for 1917 have not yet been made. They will not be known before the end of this year.

DR. D. G. METHENY, professor of anatomy, University of Pennsylvania: Mrs. Metheny and I found Honolulu a true haven of rest after several weeks of continuous traveling across the Pacific, through Japan and in China. It is our first visit but not our last.

PHILIAS POIRIER, chief clerk, Moana Hotel: We have a few rooms vacant, but wait until the Great North starts to dropping the visitors in Honolulu in November by the hundreds. They all tell me this is going to be the biggest season ever and I can easily believe it.

GEORGE B. SCHRADER, secretary of Fred L. Waldron, Ltd.: One more month torn off the calendar and the Great North will be coming here again. We are getting a barricade ready for the tourists who will begin to besiege the office about that time and all the rest of the winter.

DR. F. E. TROTTER, chief quarantine officer: Some people cannot seem to comprehend that first-class passengers on liners and transports

FRANCIS SINCLAIR DIES IN ENGLAND

Many Years a Resident of Niihau, Author and Poet of Distinction

Letters have been received announcing the death on July 22 in the Isle of Jersey of Francis Sinclair, for many years a resident of the island of Niihau, a rancher while in Hawaii, and an author and poet of distinction. Mr. Sinclair, who was well known all over the islands during his residence here, was 82 years of age at the time of his death.

He had resided in the islands for many years, coming here in 1863 with his family from New Zealand, after a cruise in the South Seas. He bought Niihau and took up residence there, making the family home on the island for many years.

During later years Mr. Sinclair resided in London, England, devoting his time to literary work. Among his works are "Ballads and Poems from the Pacific," "Under Western Skies" and "From the Four Winds," in addition to which he published a number of other short stories and poems.

He is survived by a widow, a sister—Mrs. Knudsen, mother of former Senator Eric A. Knudsen of Kauai—and many other relatives, both here and abroad.

Personal Mention

H. MILNOR BLOWERS, a teacher at Mills School, will return Saturday from a week's trip to Maui.

JOHN A. DOMINIS, clerk in circuit court, will return to his desk next Monday morning after a month's vacation.

REV. SAMUEL K. KAMAIOPILI, assistant pastor of Kaunakapili church, has returned to Honolulu from a brief visit to Maui.

E. K. WOODWARD, secretary to Mayor John Lane, is taking a week's vacation with his family at Punaluu. He will return next Tuesday.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. PATY were passengers on the Mauna Loa, leaving for a month's visit to Mrs. Ruth Baker at Kealahou, Kona, Hawaii.

MR. AND MRS. B. R. S. PRICHARD of Assam, India, who have been in Honolulu for some time at a Seaside hotel cottage, left in the Niagara for Australia.

MISS ESTHER KALINO, formerly an instructor at Kawaiahae Seminary, left at noon today for Kona, Hawaii, to accept a position in one of the public schools.

MR. AND MRS. W. ST. B. EUSTIS have returned to the mainland after a three months' visit in the islands. Eustis is connected with Libby, McNeill & Libby.

MISS BERTHA BATES of St. Louis continued her journey homeward in the Shinyo Maru. She has been in Honolulu for some time at the Seaside hotel, coming here from Japan.

JUDGE J. L. KAULUKOU, who was yesterday appointed as district magistrate for Kailua, North Kona, has already completed eight years on that bench. He is visiting at present in Honolulu.

G. TATSUTA of the Yokohama Specie Bank of this city, who was transferred from the main office here about 10 years ago, has been transferred to the San Francisco branch of that bank.

MRS. CHARLES P. KLING and party are here from New York City for an extended visit. Besides Mrs. Kling the party includes Miss Katherine Culver, Mrs. Charles L. Addison, Miss F. Jones and a maid. They arrived in the Manoa and are at the Moana hotel.

The Bar Association has indorsed a plan to solicit subscriptions to secure a large oil painting of Hon. Sanford Ballard Dole, former federal judge. Artist Girard Barry has agreed to paint the portrait for \$1000. The association already has subscribed \$200.

from the Orient are not so liable to go into places where they may contract cholera or eat dangerous food as steamer or troop class passengers are.

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the beautiful country home and estate of the late Mr. James H. Boyd, of about 50 acres, at the head of Manoa Valley, is for sale.

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EXCEPTIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN HART BOND CASE

Supreme Court Advises Territory That Appeal is Proper Form of Procedure

Exceptions by the territory to decisions of Circuit Judge W. S. Edging, holding that he has no jurisdiction to hear suits brought by the territory to recover from the bondsmen of Edmund H. Hart certain money embezzled by the convicted court clerk, were dismissed in an opinion handed down in the supreme court today.

The opinion holds that the territory, instead of taking the matter to the supreme court on exceptions, should have appealed. In this connection the opinion says:

"In our view it is not necessary for us to determine the merits of any questions in either proceedings, this court being without jurisdiction to entertain the exceptions; appeal and not exceptions, being the proper remedy."

The case in question was brought by the territory for the county of Maui, shortly after the conviction of Hart, former clerk in Judge Edging's court, with a view to recovering from Hart's bondsmen the money embezzled by the court official. The first case was brought against Hart as principal and W. L. Decoto, Patrick Cockett, F. F. Baldwin and W. T. Robinson as sureties, the amount of the bond being \$2500. In the second case the respondents were Hart as principal and W. T. Robinson and A. Garcia as sureties, the bond being for \$2500.

The respondents filed pleas to the jurisdiction of the Maui court to hear the matters, these pleas being sustained. The territory excepted in each case and carried the cases to the supreme court.

Hart is now serving a sentence in Oahu prison.

Miss Christine H. Tripp and Charles A. Ahrens, who is on one of the submarines, were united in marriage Thursday night by Rev. Samuel K. Kamaiohili. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Saffrey, Jr.

A Kaimuki Bargain

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